

GIS Users Meeting June 2017 Minutes

The June GIS meeting took place at the Kent County Road Commission Offices in Grand Rapids. Our thanks to Jason Moore of REGIS for setting up this meeting. This meeting varied from our usual agenda, and had a shorter schedule.

Welcome by Steve Warren, Kent County Road Commission Managing Director, and REGIS Board Chair. Steve Warren and John Weiss, the Executive Director of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council discussed their Infrastructure Asset Management pilot project. This project integrated infrastructure for Broadband, Water, Sewer, Storm Drains and Roads. They compiled 3D maps for all of the above, which gives them great information for doing any type of infrastructure projects.

Jason Moore of REGIS discusses their Utility Finder Application. REGIS is the central GIS department for 19 Communities in the Grand Rapids area. eREGIS is a GIS online application that has many components, Park Finder, Utility Finder, Cemetery Finder, and Parcel Finder. Some of the applications are public facing, and other are internal applications.

Ulrika Zay from the Center for Shared Solutions gave a Census Bureau update discussing the Geographic Support System (GSS) and the Local Update of Census Addresses Program (LUCA), what has been accomplished and what is coming next.

Everett Root from the Center for Shared Solutions gave an update on what is new in the areas of web mapping, online data, and the MiSAIL imagery and LiDAR program. There is now 900+ membership on the GIS Listserv. The State will be starting an exchange program of imagery for parcel data in 2018.

Mark Holmes from the Center for Shared Solutions gave an update on the Michigan Geographic Framework (MGF) project. MGF will soon be undergoing a significant upgrade because the current editor being used is relying on outdated technologies and will be upgraded to current technologies. Framework version 17 is now available.

A short round the room discussion took place.

Then a tour of the Grand Valley Metro Council (GVMC) PASER Van, presented by Mike Zonyk and Mike Brameijer. The van is outfitted with equipment to rate the roads and arrive at the PASER ratings to input into Road Soft. Everyone got a chance to view the van and ask any questions.